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Prisoner ODs prompt crackdown

MAXIMUM SECURITY

Officers search for fentanyl, health officials issue warnings

Some inmates at a maximum-security prison in Alberta have overdosed, prompting officials to test whether the prisoners ingested fentanyl.

Acting deputy warden Mark Otto with the Edmonton Institution says the prisoners have been taken to an outside hospital.

He wouldn't say how many men fell ill or their medical conditions, but none has died.

Police and health officials across the country have issued warnings about fentanyl, a powerful synthetic opioid that has killed hun-

dreds of Canadians in the last few years.

Otto says the prison overdoses prompted a lockdown on Wednesday afternoon and officers are continuing to search for contraband.

He says the prevalence of fentanyl in the community means officials are not ruling it out as a cause.

"We're certainly not excluding it, but it isn't the only thing we're considering at this point," he said.

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Fentanyl overdoses have recently spiked in Western Canada, with about 145 deaths in Alberta so far in 2015.

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MOUNTIE DEATH

Bail system under review

An Ottawa prosecutor will lead a review of Alberta's bail system following the shooting death of a Mountie earlier this year.

Nancy Irving is expected to make recommendations to the Alberta government in February.

A key question is who should be conducting initial bail hearings in the province — Crown prosecutors or police officers.

Const. David Wynn was shot at an Edmonton-area casino in January.

The killer, Shawn Rehn, later killed himself in a nearby home.

Rehn, a career criminal with a history of violent behaviour, was out on bail after a hearing in which an Edmonton police officer consented to his release.

The RCMP have questioned why Rehn was allowed back on the streets.

Edmonton police asked the province in 2006 to be removed from bail hearing duties. The following year, a task force recommended the change and the province agreed to make the switch, but it didn't happen.

Alberta Justice has said that police officers are used for initial bail hearings to speed up the court process.

Irving worked most recently as a general counsel for the Public Prosecution Service of Canada and has also served as an adviser to the RCMP.

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An Edmonton woman is offering beer brewers free ingredients, as long as they'll

help her harvest her inherited crop of hops.

Brie Oshanski purchased her Sherwood Park home in 2013, and with it inherited an already established plantation of *Humulus lupulus*, more commonly called hops.

Hops give beer a bevvy of flavours and aromas, and are the culprit behind the favourable bitter taste of popular India pale ales.

But Oshanski isn't a homebrewer, and for the past two summers watched her hops

go unused. This year she's trying to change that.

"I hate seeing them go to waste," she said.

"So I posted it on the beer brewers (and Edmonton) sub-Reddits in the hope some people from Edmonton would see it."

So far a dozen people have signed up to visit Oshanski at the end of August and grab

a gallon of her hops, enough to spice a few batches of beer.

The vigorous perennial vine was planted more than 20 years ago by the former homeowner, Jerry Keenan.

Keenan said he could flavour a year of homebrew beer using an ice-cream pail full of his hop cones.

He said there are different ways to make use of the

hops, but his method was essentially steeping them and adding the tea to his homebrew as a final step.

He said some homebrew is prone to an "unpleasant yeast taste," and hops help hide that a little bit.

In other applications, hops can neutralize or balance malt sweetness, and heavy hop rates in IPAs enhance shelf life — that benefit is what popularized IPAs originally, as it preserved beer for long voyages across oceans.

HOP TO IT

Brie Oshanski said she'll likely use some of the hops herself, "one day, but not this year."



Brie Oshanski holds the *Humulus lupulus* crop from the vines that grow all over her house. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

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TRAFFIC ACCIDENT

Motorcyclist dies after hitting parked car

A motorcyclist died in hospital after smashing into a parked car in the city's west end early Thursday morning.

Edmonton Police Service responded to the collision at 165th Street and 78th Avenue just before 3 a.m. Police say the 38-year-old man was travelling westbound on 78th Avenue when he hit a white Toyota Corolla parked on the north curb of the road.

The man was treated at the scene and later died in hospital.

He was not wearing a helmet, and police say excessive speed and alcohol are believed to be factors in the crash.

The EPS Major Collision Investigation Unit was on scene much of Thursday morning investigating the incident.

The white Corolla remained parked on the street, but the motorcycle was removed from the scene by 10:30 a.m. The trunk and back window of the vehicle were smashed in, and a green jacket hung from the

vehicle.

Neighbour Stephen Spissak said he heard a motorcycle going up and down the residential street early Thursday morning, followed by a loud bang. He opened his front door and saw the motorcycle rider laying at the end of his driveway, about 20 feet in front of the scene of the crash.

He wasn't sure if the man was alive.

"I just opened the door and looked, and he was right there,"

he said. "He was just lying there. "This street is very quiet, not much traffic either."

Another neighbour, Myles Church, said it's not the first time someone has hit a parked vehicle nearby.

"About 15 years ago a car was hit in the same spot," he said. "A car came flying around the corner way too fast."

This is Edmonton's sixth motorcycle fatality of 2015, and the 23rd traffic fatality of the year. ANDREA ROSS/METRO



Geoffrey Park's homemade TARDIS is eight feet tall and four feet wide. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

Doctor Who replica a hit with fans

SCIENCE FICTION

Aug. 29 photo op has drawn interest from 108 Whovians



Andrea Ross
Metro | Edmonton

An Edmonton man's life-sized, homemade tribute to Doctor Who is getting its 15 minutes of fame.

Geoffrey Park made a TARDIS — a time machine disguised as a phone booth, made popular in the British science-fiction TV show Doctor Who — in 2013. On Aug. 29, Park will bring it to Coronation Park near the Telus World of Science so fellow Doctor Who fans can engage in a photo op.

He said he was expecting maybe 10 or 15 people to show interest in the event. So far, 108 people have signed up on his Meetup page, including

one woman who is planning the photo shoot as a special anniversary surprise for her husband.

"I guess they're big fans and they want to just incorporate that into their life," Park said. "I told people to show up in costume if they want. It's just a bit of fun I suppose."

"I always thought it would be a cool picture."

The eight-foot-tall and four-foot-wide TARDIS needs to be transported on a trailer and will take 20 minutes to set up. Depending on the success of the photo shoot, he said he might consider planning more photo ops in the future. But

if more people decide to come, he'll need a permit from the city, he said.

This month's photo op is a fitting tribute to the eccentric science-fiction series with a cult

following, he said.

"It was different than the American shows. It went back and forth through time, and it was an alternative to Star Trek," he said. "I've always loved the show."

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The riding of Edmonton West grew out of the former riding of Edmonton Spruce Grove. KEVIN TUONG/FOR METRO

It's all about the LRT in Edmonton West

RIDING PROFILE

Candidates promise federal cash to fund light rail transit



Ryan Tumilty
Metro | Edmonton

Snaking from Stony Plain Road down 95th Avenue and then across to the west, the proposed extension of the Valley LRT line would bisect the new riding of Edmonton West.

Current estimates on the line peg costs at \$1.4 billion and city councillors would like to start construction before the other section of the line, running from Mill Woods to downtown, is even



Edmonton West, highlighted in grey. CONTRIBUTED

up and running.

But to do that, the city will need federal cash. And as a result, all of the aspiring candidates vying for election in the area say if chosen, their party will provide it.

"It's absolutely essential. We

absolutely need the federal funding in place by 2017 to make sure that track stays on schedule," said Heather MacKenzie, a former school trustee and the NDP candidate for the riding.

She said the LRT can knit the city together and making sure it comes to Edmonton West will be a top priority.

The federal government is currently providing \$400 million of the \$1.8-billion cost of the first portion of the Valley Line.

Conservative candidate Kelly McCauley said residents want the LRT, but they have faith the government will come through with the funds.

"It hasn't come up at the doors as much, but I think that's because most people believe it's a given."

He points to the Conservatives' Building Canada fund and the announcement this year of

a dedicated transit fund. He said knowing the money is there is important for cities.

"That would allow us to plan five, 10 years down the road and know that the money will always be there."

Liberal candidate Karen Leibovici, who served the riding as a city councillor and an MLA, said issues like building the LRT got her into the race.

"One of the main reasons I am running is in order to be a strong voice for Edmonton West and Edmonton, as well as to ensure that some of the unfinished business I was involved in actually comes to fruition," she said.

She said the Liberals have a strong urban agenda that people can trust.

"They will have yearly meetings with the big-city mayors and they will invest more in infrastructure."

Three questions for the contenders

HEATHER MACKENZIE NDP

Why are you running?

I'm running to ensure that the residents of Edmonton West have a strong voice at the federal table, that they have an advocate for issues such as public transit, affordable child care, enhanced health care.

What's this election about?

It's about change. It's about people wanting to see new faces in Ottawa. It's about rebuilding that public trust

How would you fix federal politics?

I think the NDP have a strong plan to address many of the challenges we are facing federally these days. In particular, they want to better support our provinces with more and better funding for health care, child care and public transit.



Heather MacKenzie
CONTRIBUTED

KAREN LEIBOVICI LIBERAL

Why are you running?

I'm running because I do believe Edmonton needs a strong voice. I also believe what we have seen over the last nine years is a steady erosion of Canadian values.

What's this election about?

It's about change. People want change back to a Canada that they can recognize again. They also want to feel their voices are being heard and that is not what people are telling me that they're experiencing right now.

How would you improve federal politics?

We have a very good plan for improving federal politics and making it more open and accountable.



Karen Leibovici CONTRIBUTED

KELLY MCCAULEY CONSERVATIVE

Why are you running?

It is an amazing opportunity to serve. I have been involved in a lot of not-for-profits and charities over my years and this really allows me a chance to step up and serve.

What's this election about?

From what I'm hearing at the doors and what I feel is it's about leadership. It's very much about strong, stable leadership and people are seeing that they see it in Prime Minister (Stephen) Harper.

How would you improve federal politics?

Laurie Hawn has been a long-term mentor for me and he's always approached it as you set a time limit for yourself. You get good stuff done and you do it for the cause of getting good stuff done, not for advancement.

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Fringe on the fringe

If you're hoping to catch a Fringe show on its final weekend, you want it to be the right one — what with hundreds of burlesque, clown, circus, drama, dance, comedy and puppet productions to choose from. Metro contributor Michelle Falk hit the festival again to find out what people have seen and what they're looking forward to seeing.

MICHELLE FALK FOR METRO



OLIVIA AUVIN

Show: American Idiot (musical)
Strathcona High School
Friday and Saturday

"I just like to come out and support all the local artists, see local theatre, support my friends, and just kind of see what Edmonton has to offer. I think we don't take advantage of it very often so it's nice to see."



JUSTIN BALKO

Show: Cirque du Shaolin
(busker)
Outdoors

"There was a Shaolin monk that did gymnastics that engaged the kids and myself fantastically — we had a lot of fun with that."



ARLENE SUZUKI

Show: The Circus Firemen
Outdoor stage
Friday to Sunday

"It was great and very funny. There was a lot of good family fun." Suzuki said she recommends the outdoor performance, which she described as two comedians trying to get onto a ladder and juggle fire.



Juggling comedian Alex Clark performs in front of Old Strathcona Farmers' Market at Fringe Festival on Thursday. MICHELLE FALK/FOR METRO

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Old Strathcona Performing Arts Centre
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Based on the true events of the Amish school shooting in 2006, this drama takes the viewer through the families' responses that shocked the world. This is a solo performance by Fringe veteran and Elizabeth Sterling Haynes nominee Clarice Eckford.

Sunday — 4 p.m.

This show is storytelling performance — on trapeze.

tells the story of a rocky relationship as seen from an old forgotten fortune-telling machine at a carnival.

3 Mars

TELUS Phone Museum
Saturday — noon

In this comedy, two astronauts are sent to Mars to prepare it for human habitation, but encounter serious technical difficulties.

5 Dan & Kim: The Street Circus

ATB Outdoor Stage
Friday — 1:15 p.m.
Saturday — 2:15 p.m.

Sunday — 3:15 p.m.
CTV Outdoor Stage
Saturday — 7:15 p.m.

This married couple combines all the elements of the modern circus for a non-stop show. The performance has received high praise from audiences.

4 Redstart

Garneau Theatre
Friday — 5:45 p.m.
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2 Susannah Bird

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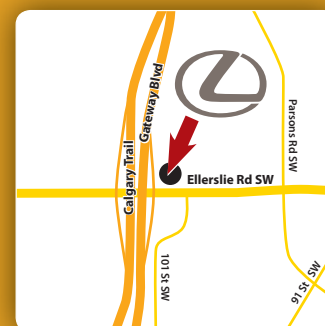
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PUBLIC TRANSIT

Crossing arms added to 'not working' list

As the city fights to open the embattled Metro Line in an "interim" capacity in early September, one new issue is appearing on its list of things that aren't working right: traffic-crossing arms that stay down for up to 15 minutes.

On Wednesday, Transportation Manager Dorian Wandzura was asked to confirm if during line testing this week, crossing arms have stayed down for as long as a quarter of an hour.

"We've been putting our

modified service through its paces," he answered, not refuting the figure. "There are issues we are working with Thales to get some things resolved."

Wandzura said the "system issue" should be remedied in time, but that at 25 km/h — rather than the intended 50 km/h line speed — "this is going to cause traffic problems."

"We know it will be a disruption of traffic, we've done some modelling that would indicate that," he said.

One particularly problematic intersection is likely to be where the Metro Line crosses Princess Elizabeth Avenue.

"Ultimately, even in full operation, (it will) add to travel times," Wandzura said.

Mayor Don Iveson said he hopes citizens will "look upon the testing as good due diligence from the city to try to set it up to be as convenient as possible for motorists under the circumstances."

He added that when the sys-

tem is operating at full speed trains will naturally move through crossings faster, and the arms will be down for a shorter period of time, "so we can all look forward to that."

"That's where we need to support Thales in completing what they've committed to, albeit 21 months late now, so that we can get into full operating mode where the crossing arms can be down for the length of time they were designed for."

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Transportation Manager Dorian Wandzura BRAEDEN JONES/METRO

City staff in line of fire

OVERSIGHT

Auditor calls for improved reporting



Braeden Jones
Metro | Edmonton

Edmonton's mayor and councillors are saying the city's audit of its troubled Metro Line has shaken their confidence in city administration.

The report, to be discussed Monday, apportions blame to both city staff and signalling contractor Thales — and, damningly, highlights "project management inadequacies" on city management's behalf.

Coun. Tony Caterina said the report was eye opening, and added there's a heightened unease that will now cause council to "question absolutely everything."

"There are going to be many, many questions asked that we typically wouldn't be concerned with."

Caterina is already asking, "if we were still using the same people?" — referring to senior transportation department staff that took too long to inform council of problems.

Transportation Manager Dorian Wandzura said "there are three (people) that had key involvement in the Metro Line project (prior to his arriving in 2013) that are no longer here."

Neither he nor Mayor Don Iveson could speak to what led to the staffers departing the city organization, due to "human resource" issues.

Iveson did clarify "the people who are in charge of fixing this situation and implementing the city auditor's recommendations are not the same people who were in charge when the contract was not being managed well."

The auditor's report also revealed City Manager Simon Farbrother was in the dark almost as long as council.

Caterina said that indicates "something in the management system has broken down."

Iveson said Farbrother would have "difficult questions" to answer Monday "about his role in overseeing the transportation department."

Farbrother and Wandzura are both on the hook to deliver enhanced reporting, as recommended in the auditor's report. "They agree completely to that ... but again, actions are going to be what we judge them on," Iveson said.

There are going to be many, many questions asked.

Coun. Tony Caterina

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Rescue Van aims to help by giving more than just food



Andrea Ross
Metro | Edmonton

A woman hurries to the Hope Mission's 24/7 Rescue Van parked on Whyte Avenue, grateful as driver Ed Major passes a brown-bagged lunch through the window.

"How are you doing?" Major asks.

The woman's name is Colleen, and he's seen her on the streets before.

"I'm OK," she says, her voice trailing off.

"Just OK?"

Tears fill her eyes.

Major unbuckles his seatbelt and gets out of the repurposed ambulance.

Colleen tells him her husband is kicking her out of the house on Friday, and she's worried where she will go. The bagged lunch — an orange, a sandwich and



Ed Major, right, works as the Hope Mission's 24/7 Rescue Van driver, bringing meals, clothing and words of encouragement to Edmonton's street community. ANDREA ROSS/METRO

a granola bar — is the first real meal she's had in a while.

She bites into the sandwich and rubs her eyes. Major asks if she would like to pray with him.

More people quickly come to the vehicle asking for socks, underwear, jeans, hoodies, and one of the 100 bagged lunches on hand. Major sits on a bench with them as they eat.

One man, who goes by "B-Boy," raps for his lunch.

Five minutes later, Major drives further west down Whyte Avenue. But he doesn't get very far before there's another knock on the window from someone hungry for a sandwich, and maybe some encouragement.

The opportunity to offer kindness is what Major finds most important.

"To have somebody come and relate to them as a human being and let them know that they're

valuable is hopeful, and can help begin to shift the tide in terms of decision making," Major says.

"Every once in a while there's a conversation that changes everything."

Major is the Hope Mission's 24/7 Rescue Van driver, one of many roles he's had with the organization over the past 22 years. He first started as a chaplain.

The Mission started as a way to relieve city police and other



Every once in a while there's a conversation that changes everything. Ed Major

emergency services from numerous calls for assistance with street people.

The summer months are the busiest for the rescue team, which works alongside EMS to provide medical care and support for the street community. Major estimates the organization's Rescue Van saves the city the cost of two paramedics every year.

A towering man with a soft voice, Major says his role is much more than handing out sandwiches — the personal connections he makes have resulted in many people getting off the streets.

"If all we did on the street level was give lunches and food, that would be a useful service. But that means that they're not hurting so bad, which means they can continue with their destructive behaviour," he says.

"There's a line between enabling destructive behaviour and empowering people to come out of it, and that is a line that every agency, one way or another, has

to come to terms with."

Major does this same routine every day. He drives for nine hours at a time, travelling to 118 Avenue, Jasper Avenue, Whyte Avenue and other areas of the city where vulnerable people benefit from the vehicle's presence.

Every now and then, his pager beeps with a call from EMS, asking him to pick someone up and bring them to the Hope Mission's main office and shelter at 99 Street and 106 Avenue.

Like the street people he works with, some days are better than others.

"There are days it doesn't seem very fruitful, where those special conversations aren't happening. It goes in waves," he says. "Everybody wants hope, but not everybody is in a place in which that's their priority. If somebody is chasing drugs or their next hustle, they're not in a place where they're looking for a more meaningful conversation."

"But everybody craves deep connection with other people."

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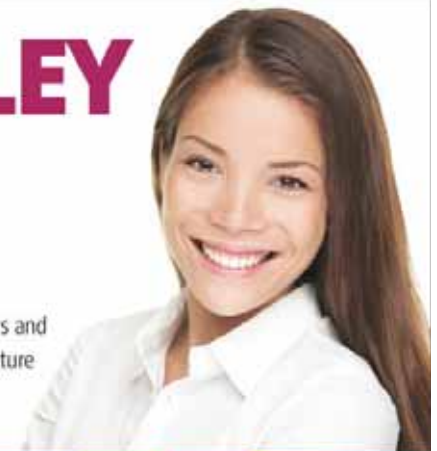
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ELECTION 2015

**Analyst says
Conservatives
have small
issues piling up**

**Ryan Tumilty and
Lucie Edwardson**
Metro | Edmonton

To the federal Conservative Party Alberta has long been a fortress, a place where they wage their battles from, a place they can count on.

But some say this year's election threatens, at the very least, to crack some of the fortress' walls.

In the 2011 election, 27 of Alberta's 28 seats went to Conservative candidates, and in this election there are six more

more ethnically diverse.

"Demographics drive everything and demographics are ultimately what is driving all the shifts we have seen in Alberta," he said.

He said the Conservative outlook tends to focus on individual responsibility and personal freedom, and doesn't always lend itself to urban problems.

"When we talk about 'You take care of yours and I will take care of mine,' that is pretty difficult when we are stacked on top of each other in these big cities."

Gil McGowan, the NDP in candidate Edmonton Centre, said the party's provincial win this spring was a major step forward for the federal party.

"Albertans have realized that they can vote for parties that better represent their values," he said.

“You're going to see a number of Liberals elected, a number of New Democrats elected and I think it will serve in the province's best interest to have voices in those caucuses. ...

Kent Hehr, Liberal candidate for Calgary Centre

seats up for grabs.

Analysts think each will be a battle.

"You have to go back to the '60s for the last time you saw an election so competitive in Alberta," said Corey Hogan, a political strategist with Hill and Knowlton, in Calgary.

Hogan said the Conservatives have a lot of small issues piling up, similar to any party that's held power for a decade, but they also face an Alberta that's changed dramatically.

Since 2011, it's become younger, more urban and

"On May 5, Albertans embraced political pluralism and I think they like how it feels."

Kent Hehr, the Liberal candidate for Calgary Centre, said he expects the Conservative's 'Fortress Alberta' has cracked, and in the long run it means voters will get more attention at elections and beyond.

"You're going to see a number of Liberals elected, a number of New Democrats elected and I think it will serve in the province's best interest to have voices in those caucuses when this new parliament is sitting."

28

Number of
ridings in
Alberta in the
2011 elections

27

Number of
ridings that
voted
Conservative

6

Number of new
Alberta ridings

Harper's Alberta Victories



Conservative Party leader Stephen Harper and his wife Laureen Harper wave as they leave Vancouver for Calgary for election day in 2006. TOM HANSON/THE CANADIAN PRESS



Harper wins a minority government in the 2008 federal election campaign.

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The newly elected PM speaks following his majority government win in the federal election in 2011.

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The city's most interesting person shares weekend picks



HOW TO DOUGLAS

Douglas Dollars

The 34th Edmonton International Fringe Theatre Festival is unavoidable if you live anywhere near Strathcona, and it continues straight through this weekend. It's huge, it's poorly organized, it's Edmonton at some of its most creative peaks in years, and I'm happy it's ours.

Check out our coverage in Metro or ask your friends which shows they'd pay to see again if you're overwhelmed by options. I would pay to see the Toy Guns' Who Am I? performance again, as it's the only show I've gotten to so far.

FRIDAY

The Art Gallery of Alberta is host to a discussion between 6:30 p.m. and 9 p.m. on **What Comes After Oil?** which collects perspectives on how our societies may continue to thrive and prosper once our dominant source of energy becomes more expensive, no longer readily accessible or too damaging to the environ-

ment. This discussion brings together respondents from Stantec, Alberta Innovates, the University of Alberta and more.

SATURDAY

The **ROGUE High Level Downhill Longboard Race**, 10 a.m., is one of my favourite bits of summer, where racers compete down the pedestrian path below the High Level bridge at speeds of up to 50 km/h. It's a hidden gem of the Edmonton fun scene and will be gone again in a flash.

When done at the race, head to 104 Street downtown for the **Al Fresco Community Block Party**, which returns after a two-year break. Vehicle traffic will be blocked on 104, restaurants will have extended patios, music and arts will fill the space and it'll be like we have an actual downtown promenade for a day.

What the Truck?! at Telus Field, 4 p.m. to 8 p.m., brings their collection of local food trucks and local entertainment, at yet another inventive venue idea.

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Saturday see the long-awaited return of the Al Fresco block party. I asked Myron Nebozuk, chair of the Al Fresco planning committee about the event.

Douglas Dollars: In planning this year's event, do you get a feeling that we'll see it in years to come?

Myron Nebozuk: I certainly hope so. Looking ahead, I hope that we can grow our core of volunteers — this will make future planning easier.

Douglas: What else can we do to help put the idea that downtown is dead to bed?

Myron: I think why many of us choose places like Rome or Paris as vacation destinations is their streets are vibrant and welcoming to families all hours of the day.

An event like Al Fresco brings us closer to that European experience. We have tried to design an event that is inviting and entertaining and collects food for the Edmonton Food Bank. Perhaps the best part is that Al Fresco is a short ride or walk away — no need for airports, layovers, security screening and jet lag!

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Lawyer: Novak knew about \$90K

DUFFY TRIAL

Witness was 'taken aback' by PM's views on residency

Ray Novak, the current chief of staff to Conservative Leader Stephen Harper, twice heard Nigel Wright say he would personally provide Sen. Mike Duffy with the money to repay questionable housing expenses, a Crown witness told an Ottawa courtroom today.

Benjamin Perrin, a former lawyer in the Prime Minister's Office, said Novak was sitting at the head of a boardroom table on March 22, 2013, as he and Wright prepared for a conference call with Janice Payne, the lawyer who was negotiating with the PMO about a plan to have Duffy reimburse the Senate for inappropriate living expenses.

Perrin, a witness for the Crown in Duffy's ongoing criminal trial, said as they discussed the possibility that Duffy might go back on his public commitment to voluntarily repay the expenses, Wright, Harper's chief of staff



Benjamin Perrin, former legal adviser to Prime Minister Stephen Harper, arrives the Ottawa courthouse to testify at the Mike Duffy trial Thursday. Perrin will be cross-examined by defence attorney Donald Bayne beginning Friday. FRED CHARTRAND/THE CANADIAN PRESS

at that time, said they would be repaid because he was paying for them himself.

"I was quite surprised by that statement from him. He had never discussed it with me or consulted with me in any way. It had never been in any contemplation that I ever heard of or speculated on. So, because it was so surprising to me, I im-

mediately looked to my right to see Mr. Novak's reaction and he didn't have any reaction to that information," Perrin told the court Thursday.

Perrin said Wright repeated that information on the conference call with Payne and that Novak, at the time Harper's principal secretary, remained in the room throughout the call.

The assertion from Perrin that Novak knew about the \$90,172 Wright provided to Duffy was previously shared with the court Tuesday, when defence attorney Donald Bayne read from an interview Perrin had given to the RCMP.

This was the first time the court heard it directly from Perrin.

The Conservative campaign has told reporters Novak did not know about the cheque, but Harper has not specifically addressed the contradictory information presented at the trial.

Earlier Thursday, Perrin said he was surprised when Harper decided a senator needed to own only \$4,000 worth of property in a province to be constitutionally

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I would not be able to consider myself a resident of Nunavut, having never visited there, simply by buying \$4,000 worth of property.

Benjamin Perrin

qualified for one of its seats.

Perrin was testifying about an early attempt by the PMO to protect Conservative senators by more clearly defining residency in a way that would put to rest any doubts about their eligibility to sit in the Senate.

"The prime minister took the position that residence equals property," Perrin told the court.

The Constitution, Perrin pointed, mentions two criteria for a senator to represent a particular province: owning \$4,000 worth of real property, but also that a senator "shall be resident" there.

Perrin told the court he thought Harper's opinion was on shaky ground.

TORSTAR NEWS SERVICE

ELECTION 2015

Liberals promise \$190M compassionate care benefit hike

Justin Trudeau directed his bid for the votes of middle-class families Thursday at Canadians needing to care for a sick loved one, promising that a Liberal government would ensure they have better access to financial support.

As prime minister, Trudeau said, he would commit \$190 million to expand the compassionate care benefit — a pledge he said would have no impact on the amount Canadians pay in employment insurance premiums.

"Too often folks are forced to leave their jobs and drain their personal savings to provide essential care," said Trudeau, speaking on the campaign trail in Esquimalt, B.C., on southern Vancouver Island. "That's not right."

Under the broadened Liberal program, Trudeau said benefits could be claimed by someone caring for an ailing family member over and above what they're able to provide in off-work hours, as well as by parents tending to a gravely

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It's simply the right thing to do.

Justin Trudeau

ill child.

"It's an investment in our middle class but, more to the point, it's simply the right thing to do," Trudeau said. "Caring for each other is an essential part of what makes us Canadian."

Government documents

disclosed under Freedom of Information laws reveal that different stakeholder groups — including the Canadian Cancer Society and the ALS Society — lobbied the Conservatives for changes similar to those being promised by the Liberals, including broadening eligibility requirements beyond only those in need of end-of-life care.

In its response section, the document said claimants could be eligible for a second period of compassionate care benefits if a loved one's illness subsided

before returning later.

Shortly after beginning his address about the importance of caring for loved ones, Trudeau offered some family affec-

tion himself, kissing his two aunts who were both on hand in Esquimalt for their nephew's announcement.

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A youngster cools down in Bucharest, Romania, in July, when a heat wave affected large areas of the country with temperatures higher than 37 C. VADIM GHIRDA/THE ASSOCIATED PRESS FILE

2015 to be hottest year on record

GLOBAL WARMING

Climate change 'accelerating': U.S. weather officials

Earth just keeps getting hotter. July was the planet's warmest month on record, smashing old marks, U.S. weather officials said.

And it's almost a dead certain lock that this year will beat last year as the warmest year on record, they said.

July's average temperature was 16.6 C, beating the previous global mark set in 1998 and 2010

by about one-tenth of a degree, according to figures released Thursday by the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration. That's a large margin for weather records, with previous monthly heat records broken by a 30th of a degree or less.

"It just reaffirms what we already know: that the Earth is warming," said NOAA climate scientist Jake Crouch. "The warming is accelerating and we're really seeing it this year."

NOAA records go back to 1880. Separate calculations by NASA and the Japanese weather agency also found July 2015 to be a record.

The first seven months of 2015 were the hottest January-

to-July span on record, according to NOAA.

The seven-month average temperature of 14.7 C is 0.72 degrees warmer than the 20th-century average and a twelfth of a degree warmer than the old record set in 2010.

Given that the temperatures have already been so high already — especially the oceans, which are slow to cool — NOAA climate scientist Jessica Blunden said she is "99 per cent certain" that 2015 will be the hottest on record for the globe.

The oceans would have to cool dramatically to prevent it, and they are trending warmer, not cooler, she said.

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VEHICULAR MANSLAUGHTER

Jenner charged

Sheriff's investigators plan to recommend prosecutors file a vehicular manslaughter charge against Caitlyn Jenner for her role in a fatal car crash on the Pacific Coast Highway in Malibu last February, officials said Thursday.

Investigators found that Jenner was driving "unsafe for the prevailing road conditions" because her SUV rear-ended a Lexus, pushing it into oncoming traffic, Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department spokeswoman Nicole Nishida said.

The Lexus driver, 69-year-old Kim Howe, was killed when her car was struck head-on by a Hummer.

If convicted of such a charge, Jenner could face up to one year in county jail.

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CRIME

Review board mulls Pistorius release

A review board has up to four months to decide whether and when Oscar Pistorius will be released from prison into house arrest, a spokesman for South Africa's justice ministry said on Thursday.

Two days before he was due to leave prison, Pistorius's early release was put on hold Wednesday by South Africa's justice department, which sent his case back to a parole review board. The athlete's release was approved eight months into his five-year prison sentence, when he should have served 10 months before even being considered for release, said justice department spokesman Mthunzi Mhaga.

Pistorius, the double-am-

putee Olympic runner, was convicted last year of manslaughter for killing his girlfriend, Reeva Steenkamp, in 2013.

News of the postponed release came to the Steenkamp family as they held a beachside commemoration for Reeva Steenkamp on Wednesday, what would have been her 32nd birthday, said Jacqui Mofokeng, a member of the women's group who petitioned the justice minister to delay Pistorius' release.

"The mood changed," said Mofokeng. "They sent a number of messages to individuals to say, 'Thank you very much. This is a better birthday than last year.'" THE ASSOCIATED PRESS



Mazzoza Allan, mother of Mohammed Allan, reacts to news that Israel's Supreme Court had suspended the detention order for her son. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

Palestinian ends his hunger strike

ISRAEL Crisis over controversial force-feeding law averted

A Palestinian held without charge by Israel ended his unprecedented 66-day hunger strike Thursday, his lawyer said, after the Supreme Court ordered him released from detention.

The decision by Mohammed Allan to halt his fast appeared to avert a crisis over two controversial Israeli actions that threatened to unleash Palestinian violence as his health deteriorated. Allan's case tested a new Israeli law allowing fasting inmates to be force-fed, a measure that many doctors say

amounts to torture. It also cast light on Israel's use of administrative detention — the holding of suspects in special cases for long periods without charge.

Allan, 31, ended his strike Thursday, according to his lawyer, Jamil Khatib, who added that his client was still in serious but stable condition in Barzilai hospital in the southern Israeli city of Ashkelon. He said it could take several weeks to determine how much Allan's health was damaged by the prolonged fast.

Allan, who lost consciousness Aug. 14, was showing "great improvement," said Dr. Hezy Levy. He had regained consciousness Monday, and he was said to have suffered some brain damage as a result of the fast.

"We took him off the respirator. He's no longer sedated,"

I am happy that medically he is on the right path.

Dr. Hezy Levy

Levy said. "He is starting to communicate and I am happy that medically he is on the right path."

Levy said he hoped that Allan would soon start eating again on his own. Allan's body cannot yet process food after such a prolonged fast.

During his hunger strike, Allan was not force-fed, which entails inserting a feeding tube into his stomach. He was, however, given intravenous fluids, vitamins and nutrients as his condition deteriorated.

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YEMEN

Assassination bid kills four in Aden

A bomb attack in the governor's office in Yemen's southern port city of Aden on Thursday killed four people, security officials said. The governor and other officials present at the time were not hurt in the apparent assassination attempt.

Ten people were wounded in the blast in Gov. Nayef al-Bakry's office, police said. Al-Bakry, who oversees the Aden governorate, was holding a meeting with military and security officials at the time.

No one claimed responsibility for the attack and authorities were investigating, said the officials, who spoke on condition of anonymity because they were not authorized to talk to reporters.

Pro-government fighters took Aden in July, after driving out rebels known as Houthis who had seized it in the spring. The recapture of Aden was carried out with support from a Saudi-led coalition.

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Israel denies wedding request by Hamas leader

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PRESENTATION

Foods take on new rainbow of colours

Mozzarella cheese at Panera restaurants won't be as glaringly white. Banana peppers in Subway sandwiches won't be the same exact shade of yellow. Trix cereal will have two fewer colours.

Food makers are purging their products of artificial dyes as people increasingly eschew anything in their food they don't feel is natural.

But replicating the vivid colours Americans expect with ingredients like beets and carrots isn't always easy. In fact, General Mills couldn't find good alternatives for the blue and green pieces in Trix, so the company is getting rid of

those colours when the cereal is reformulated later this year. The red pieces — which will be coloured with radishes and strawberries — will also look different.

Colours made from fruits, vegetables and spices, present more challenges than artificial dyes. In addition to costing more, colours from fruits and vegetables can be sensitive to heat and acidity. And since they're used in higher doses to achieve boldness, tweaks to other parts of recipes may be needed. Such adjustments can be tricky for companies that manufacture on massive scales.

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Greek PM quits after bailout deal rebellion

POLITICS

Sept. 20 is likeliest date for elections, officials say

Greek Prime Minister Alexis Tsipras resigned Thursday and called early elections, an attempt to get a new, stronger mandate to implement a three-year bailout program that sparked a rebellion within his radical left party.

In a televised address to the nation, Tsipras said his government got the best deal possible for the country when it agreed to an 86-billion-euro (\$95-billion-US) bailout from other eurozone countries.

The rescue was all that kept Greece from a disastrous exit from the euro but came with strict terms to cut spending and raise taxes — the very measures Tsipras had pledged to fight when he won elections



Alexis Tsipras, flanked by his aides, leaves the presidential palace in Athens after presenting his resignation on Thursday.
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in January.

His U-turn in accepting the demands by the country's creditors led to outrage among hardliners in his Syriza party,

with dozens voting against him during the bailout's ratification in parliament last week, which was approved thanks to support from opposition parties.

Tsipras has insisted that although he disagrees with the conditions of the bailout terms, he had no choice but to accept and implement them to keep Greece in the euro, which the vast majority of Greeks want.

With the country's finances now secured, Tsipras said he felt obliged to let the Greek people evaluate his work.

Tsipras had delayed a decision on whether to call new elections until after Greece received the first installment from the bailout and made a debt repayment to the European Central Bank, both of which it did Thursday.

"Now that this difficult cycle has ended ... I feel the deep moral and political obligation to set before your judgment everything I have done, both right and wrong, the achievements and the omissions," he said in the address.

"The popular mandate I received on Jan. 25 has exhausted its limits."

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PHARMACEUTICALS

Valeant paying \$1B for sex-drug firm

A Canadian pharmaceutical company is entering the sexual stimulation business by spending more than \$1 billion US to acquire the maker of a libido drug dubbed, if somewhat incorrectly, the female Viagra. Valeant Pharmaceuticals said it has reached a deal to buy North Carolina-based Sprout Pharmaceuticals for cash and a share of future profits. The transaction was announced just two days after the U.S. Food and Drug Administration gave the green light to market its drug Addyi in the United States.

"Addyi can be a game-changer in women's sexual health," Sprout CEO Cindy Whitehead said from New York City. She will head the new Valeant division.



Sprout CEO Cindy Whitehead
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Valeant expects the pink pill will be available in the United States by Oct. 17. It's aiming to take the drug to international markets, including Canada. An application will be filed with Health Canada this year, with a decision expected within a year, said Valeant CEO J. Michael Pearson. THE CANADIAN PRESS



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THE KOHLER REPORT: ON INFANT INTERLOPERS



I don't think anyone enjoys excluding babies, but I do think a lot of people enjoy certain activities more when babies are excluded.

I woke up this morning wondering how I could alienate myself from all my friends who have children. And then it hit me: Write a column about how I don't want them to bring their children places. So here I am.

Earlier this week a Winnipeg mother attempted to bring her two-month-old son to an outdoor theatre to see the play *Sister Act* and was turned away due to the theatre's "no babes in arms" policy. The mum then went to the media crying foul. I say all is fair in love, war and Whoopi Goldberg-inspired theatre.

I don't think anyone

enjoys excluding babies, but I do think a lot of people enjoy certain activities more when babies have been excluded. Plays, for instance. The dramatic arts are best enjoyed in an environment devoid of distractions, noise and "eau de poo," and the problem with babies is that all of those things are kind of their shtick. A baby is like a soft little boom box with no volume control that intermittently plays high-pitched noises. Frankly, *Sister Act* has enough of those on its own.

I was doing stand-up in a suburb north of Toronto a few months ago when some-

one showed up with their six-week-old daughter. I now know that a great way to ruin a good abortion joke is to have a tiny heckler punctuate it with several goos and ga-gas.

I'm pretty easygoing about babies in most situations. I like babies. But what about that whole "There's a time and a place" thing? What if I showed up to a Gymboree Play & Learn and started doing shots in the corner? How would that go down?

It's pretty hard to talk about this without feeling like a very bad person. Nobody wants to resent a baby, except maybe their older

sibling. And I admit that I don't have kids so I don't know what it's like to really, really, really want to see *Sister Act* in an outdoor theatre in Winnipeg and not be allowed to. I can only imagine the sorrow.

I'm not saying your baby isn't important (I believe that children are our future), but why should your and your baby's happiness override that of others?

Maybe one day I will have a baby and I'll reread this column and dislike myself greatly. Maybe I'll try to go somewhere with my baby and be turned away. Maybe I'll be angry and go to the news station or maybe I'll say to myself, "Relax, Rebecca. There's lots of other stuff you can do with your baby. You can go to Chippen dales another time."

Rebecca Kohler is a stand-up comic, writer, actor, gymnast, lawyer and chemist. (Some of this isn't true.) Follow her on Twitter @becca_kohler.



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A book that makes you change the way you think, forever

Ta-Nehisi Coates tweets a lot lately about video games.

He tweets opaquely about video games. Example: "Pool of Radiance series is the best of the 80s old school joints. Those who disagree are base enemies of humanity."

Some of his followers openly wonder if his Twitter feed has been hacked. It has not.

The expectation is that the man who wrote *Between the World and Me* — which will be dubbed the most important book of the year/decade and can be found in the hands of Barack Obama and the pop singer JoJo — must tweet with the same gravitas with which he writes books: Burdened and proud, poetic and purposeful. And possibly only about race.

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You will also find in a slim white book a heavy and disorienting theory of race, how it is inexplicably tied to the American (or capitalist) dream, and how small we all are in the face of that myth.

Destructive, too, because it's one of those books that

doesn't let you go back to the way you used to think. It destroys your previous understanding of race and explains why, to quote Coates, there is no post-racial America and there will never be, unless the concept of "America" itself is destroyed.

No, it's not light summer reading. Yes, you should get a copy.

Probably, the book is most important for black Americans, and maybe black Canadians, and other so-called non-whites.

But I am a so-called white woman, and it is also an important book for me. Coates charges that in order to stop the oppression of black people, white people have to stop thinking they're white. We have to recognize that "whiteness" and racial hierarchies at large were created so that some people could exploit others, and that there is actually no biological basis for race (a basic fact, and part of why Rachel Dolezal was so fascinating).

I spend my days flitting about from article to article, one thin idea to the next. I often feel parched for depth, but can hardly seem to finish a book these days. I often think it's my fault.

But I read Coates' book in a weekend.

It's engrossing, beautiful and painful. Not very long, anything but thin.

Happy face / Sad face

From **sexy soirees** to **invading insects**, Metro weighs in on the news making headlines this week



An accessible orgy

In some ways it was like any other sex party in Toronto: booze flowing, burlesque dancers dancing and a performance artist painting in the nude. But this sold-out show offered something different: hydraulic lifts and harnesses to help people get in and out of wheelchairs, and free entry to personal support workers. As far as the organizers know, Deliciously Disabled was the city's first sex party specifically for people with disabilities, and it provided both X-rated fun for those involved and a reminder to everyone that disability and sexuality aren't mutually exclusive. SOURCE: VICE



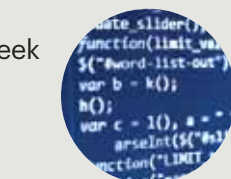
Saudi suffrage celebration

In a seriously belated suffragette-style victory, the first Saudi Arabian women have registered to vote in local elections. They'll also be able to stand for office for the first time in December. Local feminists are now leading a drive to register women to vote, and the newly named King Salman is gaining international praise for approving the measure, despite the late date. Amidst all the cheering, some Saudis see suffrage as a "Western intrusion" — and women are still not allowed to drive themselves to the polls. SOURCE: AL JAZEERA



Woes in the woods

One of Canada's most beautiful trees — the emerald-green eastern hemlock — is "in intensive care," says a paper in the journal *Science*. Its enemy: a pinhead-sized Japanese insect, the hemlock woolly adelgid. It has infested more than half the hemlock's territory and kills almost every tree it attacks. Insecticides are expensive and labour intensive. Scientists may release a predator to eat the adelgid or breed hemlocks resistant to it. It's unclear if either can be done before the forest is emptied of an icon. SOURCE: SCIENCE



Decoding discrimination

Smart software can do a reasonable imitation of a human worker, even evaluating job applications and making loan decisions — but it turns out it's copying our flaws as well. Algorithms meant to eliminate discrimination may be replicating it instead, according to a new paper presented at an Australian data-mining conference. Researchers wrote a code that predicted applicants' race and gender based on the data used by a résumé-scanning program, which was apparently picking up on things like street names and applicant names, leading to unfair generalizations. SOURCE: GIZMODO

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"I have secretly over the last several years been viewing pornography on the Internet and this became a secret addiction and I became unfaithful to my wife."
- Josh Duggar, whose name was in leaked Ashley Madison database

Sinister 2 shtick far too slick

SCARY MOVIES

Glossy production makes horror hard to believe

IN FOCUS

Richard Crouse



When was the last time you were freaked out by a Hollywood movie?

I can admit that *It Follows* and *Unfriended* raised a few goosebumps and I recall a Saturday matinee screening of *Paranormal Activity* that was the first and only time I have ever heard anyone actually scream in a theatre. I don't mean a quiet whimper followed by an embarrassed laugh or a frightened little squeal. I mean a full-on, open-throated howl of terror.

But these days it seems to me those moments are becoming fewer and further between. Zombies have gone mainstream, vampires now sparkle in the sun and werewolves have hipster hairdos.

I find the news more upsetting than most mainstream monster movies.

A recent re-watch of *In Cold Blood* gave me a jolt unlike any recent traditional gore fest.

It's not a horror film in the conventional sense, but because it's a true story of a senseless murder, it sent shivers down my spine.

A new film this weekend, the haunted home-movie tale *Sinister 2*, can only be called a horror movie because it is so poorly made. It is terrifyingly badly made but there is nothing that will actually give you nightmares, and isn't that the whole point?

George Mihalka, director of *My Bloody Valentine* — a movie Quentin Tarantino calls his all-time favourite slasher film — agrees that conventional horror is in a rut.

"As long as mainstream horror focuses on glossy monsters and the perfectly backlit villain and stylish gore shots that could pass for TV commercial beauty shots where blood and victims are interchangeable with beer and models, there is nothing left to fear," he says.

"An honest well-developed character is the reflective mirror that conveys the reality of the monster, villain, serial killer, ghost, zombie or vampire. If there is no truth or reality in the performance we cannot truly believe in the menace. We are left as numb, detached voyeurs of slick boogeymen or at best rooting for them to kill off the annoying bad acting of interchangeable pretty plastic people."

Horror hero and Rue Morgue editor-in-chief Dave Alexander agrees that much Hollywood horror errs on the safe side, but says there are still thrills to be had at the movies.

"Foreign and indie horror movies — those titles that play genre festivals — are the most exciting and innovative



There is nothing to give you nightmares in *Sinister 2* — expect maybe how bad it is, writes Crouse. HANDOUT

because they're not as bound by the Hollywood business model that favours remakes, sequels and chasing trends.

That said, there are still chills to be had at the multiplex when a breakout title with an original concept comes along — one of the best recent examples being *It Follows*."

Chris Alexander, editor-in-chief of legendary N.Y.C.-based horror and dark fantasy film culture magazine *Fangoria* says "real horror has always

thrived in the mainstream and elsewhere. Always will."

"Throughout horror history, there have always been 'lite' versions of more palpable big-screen terrors. From the various monster comedies of the 1940s (how many times did Bela run afoul of Bowery Boys and Brooklyn Gorillas?) to Abbott and Costello romps to *The Munsters*. And *Dark Shadows* was a vampire soap opera that romanticized vampires for lonely housewives.

"Horror in the mainstream

MOVIE RATINGS by Richard Crouse

Mistress America ★★★★★
Fort Tilden ★★★★★
Sinister 2 ★
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HOW RATING WORKS
★★★★★ SEE IT
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has long been a gateway drug for young people and, if they are affected and obsessed by the films they see with their pals on a Friday night, they'll

likely begin the endless quest to 'chase the dragon' and find darker terrors, which are in large supply, internationally. If it wasn't... I'd be out of a job!"

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Triple threat in Bang Bang Baby

MOVIE FEATURE

Levy digs out her LaDuca's for musical sci-fi fantasy

Richard Crouse
For Metro Canada



Jane Levy has a diverse resume that includes the cable hit *Shameless* (where she dies in a most fiery way), the sitcom *Suburgatory* and the 2013 remake of *Evil Dead*. But her new film, *Bang Bang Baby* takes her back to where she began: singing and dancing.

"I did musical theatre, mostly because it was the only theatre available, not to say anything negative about that, but I wanted to be an actor. I loved drama and that was the way to do it so I was in all the plays. I was in Annie. I was in Oklahoma. I was in Annie Get Your Gun and The Wizard of Oz." When she was seven years old the California native recalls about her seven



Jane Levy plays a small town teenager with dreams of rock 'n' roll fame in Jeffrey St. Jules' *Bang Bang Baby*. HANDOUT

-year-old self.

She warbled her way through Broadway-style shows until she was about thirteen when she traded the stage for the soccer field. It took a few years but eventually she felt

a familiar draw.

"I was eighteen and I just finished my first year of college and I hated school," she says. "I was miserable the whole year and I couldn't quite figure out why.

"I was in Europe with my friend and I said, 'You know what? I'm not going to do it anymore. I'm not going to school. Why not pursue the thing that I know has always been, deep down, my dream?'"

She's back to basics in *Bang Bang Baby*, a strange new big screen sci-fi musical that gives her the chance to strut her stuff. In it, she plays Stepphy, a 1960s teenager whose dreams of rock 'n'



I thought it would be a challenge to explore singing and dancing.

Jane Levy, actress

roll stardom are dashed when a chemical leak in her town causes mass mutations and "threatens to turn her dream into a nightmare."

When she first saw the script she says, "I thought, how cool and how strange. I thought it would be a challenge to explore singing and dancing which is something I had done as a kid but not since. And I also thought how unusual, how peculiar, how fun."

Levy has a whole slate of films on the way, including the much-anticipated animated movie *Monster Trucks*, but the best part of it all, she says, is that she is able to act in a variety of projects.

"For me, I feel like this is the thing I have to do. This is the thing I enjoy the most and this is the thing I'm best at."



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INTERVIEW

The outspoken Sam Elliott

Matt Prigge
Metro in New York City

"Hot one out there today," Sam Elliott says in that voice — that bass-y growl softened by his Oregonian twang. He's exactly what you'd expect from his movies, only not so laconic. He's talkative and not afraid to bridge certain subjects — say, the topic of abortion, which fuels his new film.

In *Grandma*, Lily Tomlin plays a poet trying to procure a safe procedure for her granddaughter (Julia Garner). Elliott plays one of Tomlin's old flames, still hurting that she left him decades before for a woman.

Few films deal with aging in a serious way. This and I'll See You in My Dreams, with you and Blythe Danner, are exceptions.

People would ask (Brett Haley director of *I'll See You in My Dreams*) what kinds of films he wants to make. And he always basically said he wants to make films about real life. That's what I think this thing is too.

It's an honest portrayal of somebody that's experienced love and loss and is moving on in spite of it all — until the granddaughter comes knocking on the door.



Sam Elliott. HANDOUT

I imagine parts of America that won't take to a film that, in its first five minutes, offers a lesbian character with a younger girlfriend trying to help her granddaughter get an abortion.

I'm anxious to see how often that's going to come up. It's such a polarizing subject. Paul (Weitz, *Grandma's* director), he's not bitin'. He's not bitin' when someone brings it up. Because it's not really what the movie's about.

This would have probably been a studio film at some point, but the market's changed.

I've certainly noticed that.

But there's such a market for good independent films. Those types of filmmakers have to go elsewhere to tell their stories. If the big studios aren't going to do it, they can do it on their own. You can't keep a good film down.

I'll See You in My Dreams quietly made a few million dollars in theaters, even when it was on VOD. So there's an audience.

There's always an audience — an audience that's crying for intelligent, entertaining stuff. If I can go to a theater and be entertained, and I can cry and laugh at the same movie, then what the f—, man? That is the ultimate. And you can maybe be enlightened or educated.

It's like this whole abortion issue. Maybe you walk away from it saying, "Well, they didn't really deal with the pros and cons of it." But there is a moment where Lily looks at her granddaughter and says, "You're going to think about this every day of your life."

Somebody says that to you, you know that it's something worth considering. It's a very difficult decision. I come on the side that the government's got no business telling women what to do with their physicality. I'm very much pro-choice.

THE TV DINNER JESSICA ALLEN


'But what about Museum Mile?' I asked Greta Gerwig. Where does one economically refuel on the Upper East Side after hours of looking at art?

A few years later, Baumbach and Gerwig co-wrote Francis Ha, which he directed and she starred in — a collaboration they've repeated with Mistress America, which opens Aug. 21, in Toronto and in other Canadian cities a week later.

Tracey (Lola Kirke) is a lonely college freshman. Her soon-to-be stepsister Brooke (Gerwig) enters the Manhattan-based picture and shakes things up with her spirited, yet peculiar, brand of adventure.

After the film premiered at Sundance, Variety said it was "one of Baumbach's warmest and purely funniest films," which may be on account of Gerwig. Her performance "confirms (her) as one of the great, fearless screen comedienne of her generation," they wrote, "a tall, loose-



limbed whirligig who careers through scenes with the beatific ditziness of a Carole Lombard or Judy Holliday."

And through life, too. I met Gerwig when she was in Toronto promoting Damsels in Distress during the 2011 Toronto International Film Festival. Hotel room junkets must have been relatively new and nerve-racking for

the actress — as they were for me. In fact, Gerwig's junket was my first.

I don't remember details of the interview, other than that she was reading a novel when I entered the room. But I do remember what happened afterwards — and not the bit about how we lost the video footage: I'm talking about when I walked

outside the Ritz Carlton and lit a cigarette.

Gerwig sat down beside me and asked for a light. She fumbled with the lighter — like Buster Keaton might, if he were wearing Prada — for minutes. After talking about restaurants in Toronto, Gerwig plucked my notebook and pen from my bag and began to write a list of New York eateries I should visit.

SriPraPhai in Queens, Murray's Bagels on 6th Ave and, of course, the Burger Joint hidden inside the Parker Meriden. "But what about Museum Mile?" I asked her. Where does one economically refuel on the Upper East Side after hours of looking at art?

Gerwig told me about Soup Burg, a diner at East 77th Street and Lexington, which for the next three years became my club sandwich-with-fries pit stop after gazing at Greek art and Gauguins.

The last time I went to grab a post-museum lunch in 2014, Soup Burg had unceremoniously closed its doors. It was a collaboration, of sorts, that I wish hadn't ended.

Jessica Allen is the digital correspondent on CTV's The Social.

MOVIE BRIEF
JLaw tops big bucks list

Forbes Magazine has released its annual list of the 50 highest-paid actresses, with Hunger Games star Jennifer Lawrence topping the list. Lawrence earned \$52 million pre-tax over the last 12 months.

Scarlett Johansson was second, with a revenue of \$35.5 million. Melissa McCarthy has amassed \$23 million, earning her the third spot on Forbes' list.

The only non-American actress to feature on the list was Chinese actress Bingbing Fan, who came in at No. 4.

The list also brought with it a very telling statistic. Compared to the highest-paid male actors list, the women's combined earnings came in at \$660 million less, confirming the gender-based pay difference in Hollywood. AFP

Jennifer Lawrence
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INTERVIEW

Baumbach on writing strong roles for women

Matt Prigge
Metro in New York City

Collaborating worked out on Frances Ha, so writer-director Noah Baumbach and writer-actor Greta Gerwig — also a couple in real life — decided to do it again.

The result is Mistress America, a shape-shifting look at the friendship between Gerwig's flighty New York gal and an impressionable freshman played by Lola Kirke (Mozart in the Jungle). They even made the second half a lengthy screwball comedy set piece — a sequence that was tricky for both the actors as well as Baumbach. At least it gave him the chance to again put a favourite, possibly now cool pop star on his soundtrack.

While We're Young and Mistress America concern young people who run into trouble when it comes to using real people for their art.

Those are similarities I've become more aware of doing interviews than I was when I made them. I didn't think of that, actually, but I understand the similarities. Both of them are about idolatry and what

you put on a person, what you make them out to be, even if that isn't necessarily what they are.

It's also interesting to see a film about a woman idolizing another woman. It's usually the man idealizing a woman. On Frances we had explored a friendship between women that had no reliance on a male. Frances is about figuring stuff out, but it had nothing to do with failing in love. That was something that at the time we were less aware of until we finished the script. Like, "Oh, that's cool, it's not about a guy helping her figure it out. It's about figuring it out on your own, with other women."

In this we wanted to keep going that way and exploring a central female relationship. I think there is something about friendships between the same sex, particularly with a young girl, when you're looking up to someone you think you want to be.

How much do you think it helps having a female co-writer when it comes to writing female characters?



“It's not about a guy helping her figure it out. It's about figuring it out on your own.”

Noah Baumbach on Frances Ha and Mistress America

The thing about writing is you only have to understand up to a point what you're representing. Whether it's a woman writing a man or a man writing a woman, or if you're writing someone from a different ethnicity or a different age, on some essential level it doesn't mean you have to be that person.

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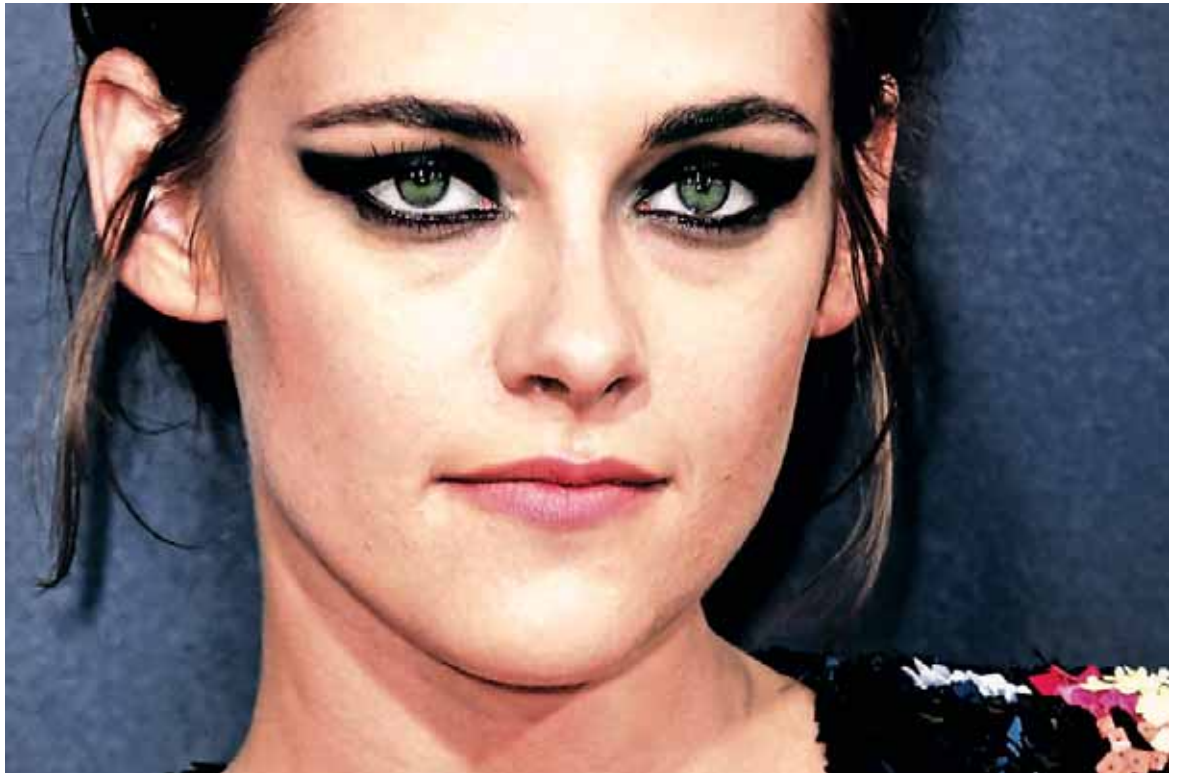
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Before she scored the Twilight gig, Kristen Stewart was simply a young actress. She was a child performer, just like Jodie Foster, who played the mother of her tomboyish teen in Panic Room. Among her first wave of raves was for a small but key role in Into the Wild — a turn that acclaimed French filmmaker Olivier Assayas (Carlos) said made him want to work with her. Assayas would belatedly cast Stewart in Clouds of Sils Maria, which netted her a Cesar — the French equivalent of the Oscar — for best supporting actress earlier this year. She was the first American to get the trophy.

Around the time of Into the Wild's release in fall of 2007, Stewart landed the coveted role

of Bella Swan in Twilight. After that her life was never the same, and not exactly for good. Her existence became a non-stop surveillance hellsuck, her every move documented, her dazed talk show appearances obsessively scrutinized, her sex life salivated upon by every publication. Most one-on-one interviews dwell on her fumbling but usually failed attempts to seem invisible as she walks among us.

What's worse, her brand seemed to suffer. Critics and non-Twi-hard audiences quickly turned to pouncing on Stewart. She still did indies and artier fare, but she was now The Girl from Those Movies — a starlet with unkempt hair and a perpetually open mouth trying in vain to score some cred. Right now it's surprising that Stewart — it should be said deservedly — won a fancy European acting award, and for a movie that's 80 per cent her onscreen with no less than Juliette Binoche. But it shouldn't be surprising. Stewart has always been a unique screen presence — a thespian of great subtlety who communicates razor-sharp intelligence with very tiny



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ADVERTISING FEATURE

Teen's camping dream comes true

In partnership with ArrKann Trailer & RV, Make-A-Wish gave 14-year-old and his family a new tent trailer **CARRIE KELLY**

Enjoying the great outdoors is a high priority this summer for Taras Pyrozok and his family after his dream to have a tent trailer became reality.

When the 14-year-old was given the opportunity to have a wish come true through Make-A-Wish, it wasn't a trip to an exotic location or to meet someone famous that first came to mind, but the ability to go camping.

Make-A-Wish granted his wish and now he and his family are able to go camping any time they want, not only this summer, but for many to come.

In partnership with Calgary's ArrKann Trailer & RV Centre, Make-A-Wish presented Taras and his family with their new tent trailer at the Calaway Park campground. Calaway Park donated the campground stay and two-day pass to the amusement park.

When Taras and his family arrived at Calaway Park, the tent trailer was all set up, complete with bedding, camping chairs, a patio mat and sticks for roasting marshmallows.

Vickie Sauve, wish granting coordinator for Make-A-Wish Southern Alberta, says it was so rewarding to see Taras' smile when he saw his trailer for the first time.

"I was emotional," Taras says. "I've been camping before with my uncle and I loved it. I like going quadding, fishing and getting wood for the fire."

ArrKann Trailer & RV gave him and his dad a two-hour orientation on how to use their new tent trailer and Taras took it all in so he can help set up every time they go camping.

"With all the electronics, camping allows kids to reconnect with their parents and siblings and enjoy the outdoors. When a child's wish is to go camping, we feel proud to be a part of it."

Neil Friedenberg of ArrKann Trailer & RV Centre



After camping last year for the first time, it became Taras Pyrozok's dream to have a trailer, which came true thanks to Make-A-Wish and Calgary's ArrKann Trailer & RV Centre. Taras, shown in the doorway of his new tent trailer, had his friend Nick, dad Vadym and mom Iulia with him for the special presentation. PHOTO COURTESY MAKE-A-WISH

The great thing about the tent trailer is that they're easy to set up and small enough to store in your backyard, says Neil Friedenberg of ArrKann Trailer & RV Centre.

The unit sleeps six and is equipped with a sink, stove, heater and awning.

Friedenberg was impressed with Taras' desire to want to be able to go camping regularly with family.

"Especially today, with all the electronics, camping allows kids to reconnect with their parents and siblings and enjoy the outdoors," Friedenberg says. "When a child's wish is to go camping, we feel proud to be a part of it."

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Clouds of Sils Maria, 2014

movements across her face.

As she got older, and both more used to and more annoyed with her 24/7 public life, Stewart has become more articulate, more bold, more confident and more easily vexed, especially when it comes to her privacy. She hasn't changed up her performances, though. In *Clouds*



Stewart has become more articulate, more bold, more confident



The Runaways, 2010

of Sils Maria, in which she plays the weary but loyal personal assistant to a frenzied actress played by Juliette Binoche, she still speaks her lines in a disaffected drawl. But especially when paired with Binoche, with

whom she clicks like they were an old married couple, one can sense the intention of each line — the way she's in complete control of the way words come out of her mouth.

Stewart's Sils Maria turn is, in effect, "the Kristen Stewart performance" — roughly the same remote, alto-heavy approach seen in *Into the Wild* and *Adventureland*, plus other indies like *Welcome to the Rileys* (in which she's a prostitute to James Gandolfini), *The Yellow Handkerchief* (a road trip saga with her, William Hurt and Eddie Redmayne), *The Runaways* (doing a mean Joan Jett) and *On the Road*.

This week sees the release of *American Ultra*, which is a stoner action-comedy sort of in the vein of *Pineapple Express*. Jesse Eisenberg plays a sleeper agent-turned-stoner who doesn't remember he has Jason Bourne moves until they're awoken. Stewart plays his equally toking girlfriend who helps him as they escape, and in his case often brutally kill, government agents wanting him dead.

She does a lot with very little. She's not particularly funny, nor is she asked to be. She's the film's rock — the power that gives it more weight than it perhaps deserves. This shouldn't be surprising, and it shouldn't be think piece-worthy. After all, she has a Cesar.

SUPPORTING ROLE

Playing awkward characters is the 'funnest thing ever' for Tony Hale

No, Tony Hale is nothing like his most famous characters — not Buster Bluth on *Arrested Development* nor boyish "body man" Gary Walsh on *Veep*, and not Petey Douglas, a CIA agent hanging in the action-comedy *American Ultra*. He's as friendly and chatty as he is awkward on-screen. He has a small but key role in *American Ultra*, hanging back at the Pentagon and unwittingly put in command of a drone operation that may harm hero Jesse Eisenberg — a sleeper agent-turned-stoner who only realizes he has Jason Bourne moves when he's "awoken."

American Ultra is another case where you're playing someone oblivious to how socially awkward he is.

I like nothing more than to play off awkward energy. Playing awkward is the funnest thing ever — awkward tension, awkward silences. I'm crazy about that stuff. My wife laughs at me, though, because I can't watch it. If there's something awkward on television, I have to leave the room. It makes me so uncomfortable. I just stop breathing.

But playing it, I love it. I love to play it and I love to live in that world. But I can't watch it.

You've said you have an easy "in" for Gary on Veep: you stoop over as you're talking to people shorter than you. Do you have one for other characters?

When I first started [*Arrested Development*] I remember asking Mitchell Hurwitz what Buster wanted in life — a very kind of actor question to ask. He said all Buster ever wanted was safety. I always used that. If there was any lack of safety he would spiral. But if he was around his mother that was the most safe place. He would get silly and crazy. He said he liked being away from his mother, that he wanted freedom. But especially in the fourth season he would spiral into a psychotic phase.

Your American Ultra character does that too, but he has a perhaps more understandable reason for it: he's suddenly been tasked with committing drone strikes.

He's in over his head. For me that's what it would be like to



Actor Tony Hale. GETTY IMAGES

all of a sudden be placed at the center of the Pentagon. He's just a guy who works in a cubicle. He's totally overwhelmed. Maybe there's an "overwhelmed" through-line in my work. I don't know what that says about me. I remember when Buster in the fourth season of *Arrested*, he was playing these video games, then he found out he was dropping real bombs and all this awful stuff. He thought he was just playing a video game. When talking to you I just realized that similarity.

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Some blunt talk from Patrick Stewart

BLUNT TALK

Legendary actor wants to become even more political

Matt Prigge

Metro in New York City

Patrick Stewart swears Gowanus is the next big neighbourhood. A proud Brooklynite, the legendary actor lives nearby and has heard word that the neighbourhood's rancid canal will be transformed, of course gradually, into the "Venice of America." "Invest now!" he jokes.

Stewart was out of town most of last winter shooting *Blunt Talk*, a Starz comedy produced by Seth MacFarlane and written by Jonathan Ames (*Bored to Death*) in which he plays a carousing political news anchor of the Piers Morgan variety, only more prone to getting stoned before driving a car.

The opening of the first episode involves your character, Walter Blunt, picking up a transgender prostitute. But it's not what you might expect from a comedy from 10 years ago, or five years ago, or even last week. She's treated with respect and their time together is tender, not a dumb joke.

It's due to Jonathan (Ames)' own experiences and his sensitivity. We were both a little nervous about that scene and how it might appear. We didn't want to make easy jokes at the expense of someone who's had very intense, not to say painful and troubling, experiences. But the next thing was the casting

of Trace Lysette in the role, who gives such a beautiful performance of great subtlety and honesty and openness. The scene becomes sweet, almost sentimental where it could have been broad and coarse and offensive. I don't think it is.

In the first four episodes it's not so much a political show as it is about characters.

I hope in time it will be seen to be both. We spent a lot of time — Jonathan, rather, did — building all the characters, giving them substance. I would

like to see it get more political — because I am, and have been all my life. I'd like to start banging the desk a little bit in a Jon Stewart manner. I've been practicing my Jon Stewart gestures for when that moment comes.

It's not clear in the first few episodes where his political affiliations lie. He's an egomaniac straight-shooter, which tends, albeit not exclusively, to be qualities of TV pundits on the right.

Oh, I think he's a leftie. He is not extreme left. This will come

up more in future episodes, but he had an epiphany. He was a solidier in the Falklands campaign, in the Royal Marines. Walter was so dismayed by that experience, by the lies that were told, by the manipulation of a ghastly situation by politicians for their own ends. Margaret Thatcher got re-elected because of the Falklands War. Wars are great for getting re-elected, so long as you win them. Lose them and you're in trouble. I hope to be able to bend Walter a little bit more in my direction as time goes by.



Patrick Stewart, seen here with Adrian Scarborough, stars as a British newscaster in *Blunt Talk*. CONTRIBUTED

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We spent a lot of time talking about (where *Blunt Talk* should be set) — "New York or L.A., where should it be?" I felt that L.A. — with no offense to Manhattan — offered perhaps more exotic potential to tell Walter's story. Also, I was (in New York) on Broadway doing a play all the way through the winter season of 2013-2014 ["No Man's Land," with Ian McKellen]. And it was at that time there was the second worst winter on record. I swore I would not live through it again. Then, as it proved, last winter was the worst winter on record. It was so pleasant in California. Weekends I would get up in January and put on a pair of shorts and flip-flops...

The very first time I ever arrived in Manhattan, back in 1969. I went into the apartment building I was staying in and two women were having this fight in the lobby, yelling at each other. Then I discovered... They were New Yorkers having a conversation. But it looked like they were ready to pull guns and shoot each other. No. They were good friends talking.

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Patrick Stewart

FAMILY SITCOM

Fresh off the Boat explores the Asian-American dream

U.S. network television has been criticized for years for its lack of racial diversity, especially in prime-time comedies. That perception changed last season with the introduction of *Black-ish* and another new show on ABC, *Fresh off the Boat*.

Set in the mid-'90s, the latter follows a Taiwanese family who move from Washington to Orlando, Fla., where they open a cowboy-themed restaurant.

Father Louis (played by Randall Park), embraces everything to do with the American Dream. Mom Jessica (Constance Wu) struggles to hold on to her Asian roots.

The series is told from the perspective of Eddie (Hudson Yang), the oldest of the family's three children and a big fan of hip hop and basketball. The real Eddie Huang, a 33-year-old chef and food personality, created the series and narrates as his

grown-up self.

Fresh off the Boat returns for a second season Sept. 22 on ABC. In Canada, it's one of the most popular offerings this summer on the streaming service Shomi.

The series is the first American television sitcom starring an Asian-American family in 21 years. Comedian Margaret Cho headlined the last such sitcom — *All-American Girl* — which aired in 1994. For me, it's a tri-

umph even though it's not my television show, Cho said last month in Montreal during the annual Just for Laughs comedy festival. Park figures there are many reasons.

"There's long been a perception that people aren't ready for something like this," he said. "The TV landscape has changed.... It makes business sense to tell stories that are a little different now."

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There are similarities between Randall Park's father and the restaurant-owner dad he plays on the series. GETTY IMAGES

Flaky and unfocused? It's all just an act

GRETA GERWIG

Writer and star of *Mistress America* wants to direct next

Greta Gerwig is sitting in a Greenwich Village café trying to explain how she goes from being fully enmeshed in creating a film — co-writing it, producing it — to stepping into the story and inhabiting a character.

“My job is to almost get a bit unconscious about the whole thing,” says Gerwig. “It’s an odd paradox of completely knowing what you’re doing — the language is in you, it makes sense — and also feeling like you’re riding something but you don’t have control of the speed.”

She pauses. “I keep thinking of a jet ski. I don’t know why.”

Mistress America, which opens Aug. 28, is the second film Gerwig has co-written with director Noah Baumbach, who is also her boyfriend of several years. Together with Frances Ha, the two movies have established a wider view of Gerwig, already seen as among the most authentic actors of her generation.



Greta Gerwig, centre, is seen as one of the most authentic actors of her generation. HANDOUT

Mistress, an '80s-movie inspired farce, and *Frances*, a French New Wave-inspired tale of 20-something struggle, prove that Gerwig is as deliberate as she is intuitive. Though her sin-

cere, confused characters have the messy blurred lines of life, that doesn't mean they aren't finely drawn.

“She’s broadening the scope of what she’s doing,” says Baum-

bach, who first cast her alongside Ben Stiller in *Greenberg* before the two became closer while making *Frances Ha*. “She’s a real voice. It wouldn’t be wrong to say she has an authorial voice before

she’s actually directed a movie.”

But as Gerwig said in her recent interview, “That, sir, is in the works today.” She’s finalizing plans to direct a screenplay she wrote called *Lady Bird* that’s set

“

Nobody was going to make any money, anyway. It seemed pointless not to amuse ourselves.

Greta Gerwig on making *Mistress America*

in her hometown of Sacramento, Calif. She’ll shoot it in March, with Scott Rudin producing. So, by jet ski or whatever watercraft metaphor you like, Gerwig is on the move.

Mistress America was conceived around Gerwig’s character, Brooke, a 30-year-old whirlwind of truly felt but poorly planned ambitions. Her intoxicating orbit draws in Tracy (Lola Kirke), her stepsister to be, a freshman and budding writer at Barnard College (where Gerwig also went, with playwright aspirations).

Like Baumbach’s last film, *While We’re Young*, and *Frances Ha*, much of the drama comes from characters growing into or accepting their place in life.

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Family comes first in zombie spinoff

FEAR THE WALKING DEAD

Actress feared being in show about the undead

It took several pitches to get veteran actress Kim Dickens to consider auditioning for *Fear the Walking Dead*, the L.A.-set prequel to *The Walking Dead*.

The *Deadwood* and *Sons of Anarchy* star says showrunner Dave Erickson and director Adam Davidson had to cajole her into considering the project, and once she examined the script she was seduced by "the greatest character ever."

"My instinct was at first, like, 'I don't know, I don't think I'm right for that one, that genre,'" Dickens says in a recent phone interview from Los Angeles. "I felt the same way about (watching) *Game of Thrones* — 'Oh, fantasy is not really my genre' — but I love it so much. You just get drawn in by these well-drawn characters that are so great. It's definitely the appeal of *The Walking Dead*, too, the combination of the genre with the wonderful writing."

Dickens plays Madison, a widowed mother to two teens — one of them a junkie who can barely survive adolescence, let alone a mysterious viral epidemic that seems to turn sufferers into snarling cannibals.

Cliff Curtis co-stars as Madison's boyfriend Travis, a divorced father whose teenage son is reluctant to join his new blended family.

In charting the origins of *The Walking Dead*'s apocalyptic onslaught, Erickson says he was keen on crafting a family drama — albeit with zombies — that a broad audience could

sink their teeth into.

"There was something interesting to me about a dysfunctional blended family that's trying to come together and failing to do so," Erickson says by phone, also calling from L.A. "And then the great irony of the show is the only way they come together is through the apocalypse."

Despite shared DNA with the Georgia-set *The Walking Dead*, this is a different show, with "a different kind of tension," he continues. "Tonally, we wanted to play the shark you don't see — we wanted to

play the anticipation and the paranoia that goes along (with) living ... in a major city," says Erickson.

"The thing I love about the pilot is everytime we go to a wide shot and we look at the crowded freeways and houses stacked on the hills, I think the audience is watching this know-

ing full well that pretty soon all those people are going to be dead. It's quite macabre but it carries a certain weight and I think it adds to the urgency."

Season 1 starts at around the time Rick Grimes in *The Walking Dead* was shot and put into a five-week coma, says Erickson.

He says it won't feature any plot or character crossovers and fans shouldn't expect clues about what started the disaster in the first place.

Erickson says co-creator Robert Kirkman insisted the tale refrain from veering towards patient zero, or talk of possible cures.

"It's not about: How do we fix it? It's about: How do we live with it? How do we come to understand it and then how do we explore our own character and how do we not become the monsters ourselves?"

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There was something interesting about a dysfunctional blended family that's trying to come together and failing to do so.

Dave Erickson, showrunner



Lexi Johnson, pictured, plays Gloria in *Fear the Walking Dead*. HANDOUT

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Fear the Walking Dead, prequel to popular series *The Walking Dead*, debuts Sunday on AMC.

COOKING SHOW

Camp Cutthroat inspired by Alton Brown's outdoorsy past

When he visits N.Y.C., Cutthroat Kitchen host Alton Brown knows every subway trip could turn into a Cutthroat Commute.

In this, he says, cooking and commuting are not so different.

"So many people who watch Cutthroat Kitchen don't necessarily get that the most fun part of it is simply watching the adaptability of human beings," he says. "It's not about doing horrible

things to one another; it's about how people clear their mind of problems and watching how people actually figure stuff out."

This summer, Brown took his show outdoors in Camp Cutthroat, with sabotages like cooking on a rock wall and something called "capture the cheese."

Here Brown talks about the value of camping and hacking his kitchen tools — in elementary school:

"I was a Cub Scout ... I was a scout up to Star Scout. Then my family moved and I never found a troupe again ... which I regret. But when I was a kid growing up mostly in the '70s in a relatively remote part of the United States, scouting was a way of life. One day a week you wore your uniform to school with your trusty scout knife on your hip.

"We learned a lot about self-reliance, which I worry that our

kids aren't learning today. I certainly started developing a love of cooking in the Scouts, and the kind of little travel pots and pans and things they make for Scouts, I was really addicted to that stuff, I kept mine in perfect order ... The nice thing about cooking outdoors on scouting trips is there wasn't a mom yelling at you about messing up the kitchen!"

EVA KIS METRO NEW YORK



Alton Brown hosts cooking show *Camp Cutthroat*. HANDOUT

Indie summer listening

Too busy to keep up with this year's indie releases? Now that the summer heat has slowed you down, we've got five albums that'll keep you cool whether beachfront, poolside or on a road trip. **AFP**

Wolf Alice *My Love is Cool*

This debut album was one of the year's most-anticipated for indie fans, many of whom had become well-acquainted with the North London alternative rock band through touring and EPs.

Released in June, the debut spotlights singer Ellie Rowsell on an album of youthful rock 'n' roll.



Sufjan Stevens *Carrie & Lowell*

The U.S. singer-songwriter-instrumentalist always gets the indie world chatting when he releases new music, and his latest, the March album *Carrie & Lowell*, did just that and also drew praise as one of his best.

The intimate album sees him return to his folk roots.



Belle and Sebastian *Girls in Peacetime Want to Dance*

The Scottish indie-pop band released its latest album early this year — five years after its previous LP. A greater focus on pop characterizes this latest, which ventures into nu-disco for an album that seems to have the dance floor in mind.



Father John Misty *I Love You, Honeybear*

American folk musician Josh Tillman, previously of Fleet Foxes, released his second album under his moniker Father John Misty in February. The album's songs are at once plaintive, cynical and ironic and see Tillman delve into his own personal life and relationships.



Courtney Barnett *Sometimes I Sit and Think, Sometimes I Just Sit*

After building buzz via live shows and two EPs, the Australian singer-songwriter released her debut album in March to critical acclaim. With lyrics and music that is a clear nod to 1990s grunge, she recounts rather ordinary tales of daily life.



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How smartphones could revive FM radio

SOUND CHECK

Alan Cross



Your smartphone contains four radio devices. The first deals with cellular data; the second allows you to connect to Wi-Fi; the third handles Bluetooth; and the fourth lets you listen to FM radio.

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— come with an FM chip installed at the factory. It's just that most manufacturers have never turned the chip on. But that's starting to change.

AT&T recently announced that they're going to join Sprint in firing up the chips in Android phones on their networks as part of a deal with NextRadio, an initiative being pushed with great gusto by Emmis, the second-largest radio broadcast group in the U.S. Before you write this off as a mere FM tuner in your phone like you may have seen in older MP3 players (Microsoft's Zune had one of these), SmartRadio

is much different. And it's also different from the kinds of apps you might have downloaded for your favourite radio stations.

This app combines over-the-air FM broadcasts with an Internet connection to create a very interactive listening experience. Users can view artist details, album art, information about songs, share favourite songs on Facebook and Twitter and interact with the station itself. And it looks fantastic.

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to an Internet stream. Only the interface consumes data — and it sips rather than gorges. Plus battery life is extended.

This, of course, is why a lot of telcos aren't keen on activating the FM chip. If people can listen to music for free, subscribers won't use as much data and, of course, no one wants to jeopardize a revenue stream.

But broadcaster groups will not let up in their lobbying. The industry desperately wants the FM chip activated so that old-school radio will be in a device that's been robbing it of listeners.



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Oasis beyond The Strip

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But like the Grand Canyon or Niagara Falls, Hoover Dam is a sight — albeit man-made — where descriptions or pictures don't do it justice; it's something that has to be seen to truly appreciate.

The view from the road is unimpressive, but once you look over the edge to the sliver of river below, expect your breath to be taken away. The view from the O'Callaghan-Tillman Memorial Bridge above the dam — accessed from a parking lot on the road to Hoover Dam — also is spectacular and looking back toward the deep blue water of Lake Mead isn't bad, either.

The visitor centre offers interesting details about the dam's history, but to get a true appreciation, take the tour to see the inner workings.

A quick warning: The large elevator can be crowded and there are warnings about claustrophobia. The trip is short, though, and the friendly guides tend to ease the tension during the 161-metre ride down.

The 30-minute guided power plant tour includes viewing the nine-metre penstock pipes, which control the flow of water, along with massive generators and access to the visitor centre. The hour-long dam tour has the same elements, but visitors also get to explore the various tunnels throughout the dam and peer out the air vents facing the downstream face.

Online: usbr.gov/lc/hoverdam



2 Lake Mead

At full capacity, Lake Mead is the largest reservoir in the United States. It hasn't been at capacity in decades, though, with water levels dropping more than 60 per cent due to drought conditions in the Southwest.

Even with low levels, Lake Mead is still one of the largest man-made lakes in the country — and there's plenty to do. During the summer, the main attraction is the water: boating, water skiing, jet skiing, swimming, fishing, house boating.

A warning here, too: This is the desert, so it gets very hot during the summer. Park rangers urge people not to hike after 8 a.m. and to bring along plenty of drinking water.

The lake has nine developed areas, though the boat ramps at Las Vegas Bay, Government Wash and Overton Beach are closed due to low water levels. Las Vegas Boat Harbor, Callville Bay Resort and Temple Bar Resort & Marina have boat rentals, stores and restaurants.

The park has nine wilderness areas and numerous campgrounds dotting the shoreline, including some that back right up to the water.

Though most of the nearly seven million visitors to Lake Mead come during the summer, other times of year offer activities like hiking, biking, off-roading, camping and fishing.

The low water levels have revealed new beaches and coves, along with a few new sights, including the ruins of St. Thomas, an Old West town that previously had been submerged. Divers also can see the remnants of a B-29 Superfortress that crashed into the lake in 1948.

Online: nps.gov/lake/index.htm

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"The single-family bungalows are gorgeous and they've proven incredibly livable,"

says sales and marketing manager Barb Lee.

"However, we've learned that something many of our bungalow clients are looking for is a specifically low-maintenance lifestyle in order to focus their energies elsewhere — family, travel, you can accomplish a lot when you take exterior housework off the list."

Triumph has revisited bungalow living, maximizing style and catering to buyers'

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Each Triumph project is architecturally themed with a distinct look and feel to co-ordinate with the surrounding neighbourhood, but the interior can be customized according to your sensibilities.

The maintenance-free Triumph Ambleside community "is true to the high standards we've set with our single-family Triumph Bungalows," Lee says.

The South Ambleside (7115 Armour Link) show homes are open Monday to Friday from 3-8 p.m., and weekends and holidays from noon to 5 p.m.

If you are interested in viewing single-family Triumph Bungalows, call Claudine in Windermere at 780-984-6768, or Deb in Sherwood Park at 780-887-9905.

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MORE TIME, CHOICE AND FREEDOM

VILLAGE AT WESTMOUNT IS NEW, INNOVATIVE

With ample green space, numerous amenities and the revitalization of the popular mature Westmount neighbourhood, the Village at Westmount is giving more time, more choice and more freedom to its residents.

The Village at Westmount is slated to be an exciting new addition to the ongoing transformation of the Westmount Shopping Centre, and the revitalization of the popular mature neighbourhoods of Westmount, Woodcroft, Dovercourt and Sherbrooke, says CDL Homes lifestyle consultant Morgan Russell.

“There is a lot of public green space and parks, and the neighbourhood itself has all of the amenities and shopping people could need and within walking distance so they have the choice to go car-less without having to worry about how to get around,” he says.

“A lot of the people are drawn to the community or already lived in the community for 30 or 40 years and they want to stay here. It’s really familiar and provides a level of comfort.”

Suitable for singles or couples, the innovative new retirement community will feature a choice of spacious one-bedroom-and-den, and two-bedroom units ranging from 648 to 830 square feet. The upper three floors will have beautiful views on three sides, offering two-bedroom, and two-bedroom-and-den units of 1,040 to 1,135 square feet.

The main and lower floors of Village at Westmount will feature a two-storey profes-



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sionally decorated lobby, a bright dining room for independent living residents, a commercial kitchen, family party room, guest suite, exercise room, crafts room, hairdresser, bistro coffee bar, and a small spa.

“We have a program that allows people to be as independent or involved as they want, with monthly events and bus trips and tours if they want to participate in them,” Russell says. Residents of Village at Westmount will have

the choice of rental tenure, or they may select the loan option (life lease), which reduces their monthly rent by making a zero interest secured loan.

For more information, visit cdlhomes.com.

Suiting the needs of retirees

Building retirement communities for residents is just part of what Christenson Developments does — building lasting relationships is a huge part of what the company does.

Christenson Developments has been proudly building retirement communities since the 1980s, says Christenson Developments marketing and development manager Steve Curtis.

“We focus on the baby boomer market, we build condos and semi-detached bungalows, as well as retirement communities for the parents of the baby boomers,” he says. “We build them in an urban village concept with the idea being that, as people age, their needs change and we try to accommodate those needs within the village so that they don’t have to move if they don’t want to.”



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Curtis says the retirement community concept provides many more amenities than can be found in a typical community, with an emphasis on suiting retirement needs.

“We try to standardize our most popular amenities into every community to meet our resident’s needs, including a commercial restaurant-style kitchen, movie room, spa, craft room, and exercise room,” Curtis says, adding residents can designate rooms to suit their specific needs in some cases.

The developer is trying something new

with its next couple of projects by adding a family/kids room for the grandkids.

“We’re just going to try and see how it’s received, but we wanted to be able to incorporate the grandkids by having a play room with toys and games, and the room can be designated for kids at certain times when they’re visiting, but be a gathering room or lounge other times when the kids aren’t around.”

The company believes in providing “more time, more freedom, more choice” for its residents, and build in communities that are

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mature and feature green spaces and shopping close by.

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Eskis face well-rounded attack

CFL
Reilly, White
tasked with
leading offence
vs. fierce Ticats

The Edmonton Eskimos have leaned heavily on their CFL-leading defence this season, but they may not have that luxury against the high-flying Hamilton Tiger-Cats.

Hamilton not only brings the league's highest-scoring offence to Commonwealth Stadium on Friday, but the Ticats also have a defence that comes close to Edmonton's in most categories.

That means the Eskimos might need a big game from a middle-of-the-pack offence missing starting quarterback Mike Reilly and No. 1 running back John White.

Backup Matt Nichols said Thursday that one of the keys for the offence is to get yards on first down and improve on the Eskimos' second-down conversion rate of 42.7 per cent,

“
We’ve had a lot
of changes but I
feel we’ve played
strong through
adversity.
Adarius Bowman on the
Eskimos’ offence

second worst in the CFL.

“The main thing is they have great team speed on defence so they don’t let you catch and run for a lot of yards so you have to sustain drives,” said Nichols, who ranks last in passing among the league’s starting quarterbacks with a 61.1 completion rate and 1,350 yards. In his last two games he has thrown four interceptions and only two touchdowns.

“For us it’s converting on second and medium and on first downs making sure we get ourselves in second and manageable positions. They can do some things on defence that make it very difficult to get first downs if you don’t get yards on first down.”

With Nichols at quarterback, spelled off occasionally by rookies James Franklin and Jordan Lynch, the Eskimos have managed enough offence to post a 5-2 record, tied for top spot with Calgary in the West Division.

While the Eskimos offence ranks fourth in overall yardage, sixth in passing and third in rushing, veteran receiver



Chad Simpson and the Eskimos offence rank fourth in overall yardage, sixth in passing and third in rushing. JONATHAN HAYWARD/THE CANADIAN PRESS

Adarius Bowman, back in the lineup after missing last week's 15-13 win in Montreal, figures the offence is still ahead of last year when the team was running at a 7-1 clip.

“Last year it took us to about week 11 before we figured out our offence,” said Bowman who missed last week with a hip injury. “In terms of the know-

ledge and concepts we put in we are ahead. Guys are still switching positions and things and everybody has to learn ... but in terms of the information we’re way ahead of last year.”

The game, which head coach Chris Jones said will be a good measuring stick for his team, is Edmonton’s first of five straight against teams that currently all

have 5-2 records — Hamilton, Toronto, Calgary back-to-back and Hamilton again.

The Ticats are coming off a 52-22 thrashing of B.C. last week at Tim Hortons Field, where they have never lost. Hamilton is on a four-game winning streak, but is vulnerable on the road at 2-2.

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+ WEEK 9 PICK



Tiger-Cats at Eskimos, 7 p.m. Friday

Zach Collaros and Matt Nichols both face a formidable challenge Friday night.

Not only is this match a clash between two division leaders but also one involving two of the CFL’s top defences.

Edmonton is ranked first in 14 of the CFL’s 25 defensive categories, including fewest points (14.4), yards (272), points (14.4) and sacks (27). Hamilton leads in five, including being tied with the Eskimos for most interceptions (11) while being first in interception yards (386) and fewest yards rushing (73.1).

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Josh Donaldson and Mike Trout each had 33 home runs as of Thursday afternoon. ROB CARR/GETTY IMAGES

Josh for MVP ... 'Who else?'

MLB

Third baseman has led Jays into playoff contention

Among the favoured expressions of Blue Jays' outfielder Jose Bautista is a kind of practised incredulity. Suggest, for instance, that Mike Trout is the consensus frontrunner for American League MVP and you will be met with a sharp, quizzical glare.

"What?" he shot back at on Wednesday. "Says who?"

The notion that Trout, the Angels' 24-year-old centre-fielder, is the favourite to win his second MVP in as many years is a foreign one to Bautista. "I don't know where you're making that assertion from," he said. "I would be surprised if he was."

It's no surprise whom Bautista believes is most deserving of the title.

"Josh Donaldson," he said. "No doubt. Who else?"

For Bautista, not only is his teammate the frontrunner, he's the only one in the race.

"If the season ended today, he should be the MVP. There's no doubt in my mind. There shouldn't be a doubt in anybody's mind, no offence to any other player."

With the Blue Jays opening a three-game series against the Angels this weekend, the MVP debate will be in the spotlight as Donaldson and Trout face off for the first time since May.

With all due respect to Bautista, it is a true, two-horse race. Donaldson and Trout have 33 home runs apiece and they

are both hitting just a shade under .300. Trout has a higher on-base and slugging percentage, but Donaldson has scored and driven in more runs. According to various metrics, Donaldson has been the better defensive player this season, while Trout adds more value on the basepaths and plays a tougher position.

"We could talk about Trout until we're blue in the face," said Jays centre-fielder Kevin Pillar. "We all know he's the best player in the world. What he does is incredible for how young he is and how talented he is. But you look at the bigger picture of what Josh has meant to this team and where this franchise is at for the first time in a long period of time, you've got to take that into consideration."

Do you? That's at the heart of the debate. What does "most valuable" mean? If the Jays win their division and the Angels don't, is Donaldson more deserving? No definition is given to the 30 baseball writers — two from each American League

city — who vote on the award. For some, it's strictly a matter of individual achievement. It should be given to the league's most outstanding player, period, regardless of team performance. For others, a player's value is relative to his team.

"What defines an MVP? I guess it's if you take that guy out of the team it changes the complexion of the team," said Jays catcher Russell Martin. "Who has the biggest impact on their team? It's always going to be debatable. It's kind of hard to compare an outfielder to a third baseman."

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IN BRIEF

Bombers scoops up former Stampeders Simmons

The Winnipeg Blue Bombers signed Jasper Simmons to their practice roster Thursday following the linebacker's dramatic exit from Calgary.

The Stampeders released Simmons on Tuesday after his agent went on a Twitter tirade to complain about Simmons'

playing time.

Simmons had struggled to find playing time since being traded from Ottawa to Calgary in the off-season. He had four tackles in four games with the Stampeders this year.

That's a stark contrast to the 2014 season, when Simmons had 80 tackles and six

interceptions.

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RG3 dinged up by Lions

Robert Griffin III left the Washington Redskins' exhibition game against the Detroit Lions because of a stinger and a possible head injury Thursday night.

The Redskins initially said

their starting quarterback was questionable to return, but later ruled him out for the rest of the game. Team spokesman Tony Wylie said the club wouldn't comment on whether Griffin had cleared concussion protocol until coach Jay Gruden's postgame news conference. THE ASSOCIATED PRESS

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- 1 cup chopped red bell pepper
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- 1 1/2 tsp chili powder
- 1/2 tsp cumin powder
- Salt and pepper
- 1 1/2 cups diced rotisserie or leftover chicken
- 1 cup canned, drained and rinsed black beans

- 1/2 cup diced tomato
- 4 cups chicken stock
- 3 Tbsp chopped cilantro
- 1/3 cup grated light Monterey Jack cheese or Old Cheddar

Directions

1. In large pot, heat oil and add onion. Sauté for three minutes. Add garlic, red pepper, corn, chili powder, cumin and salt and pepper and sauté for another three minutes.

2. Add chicken, beans, tomatoes and stock. Cover and simmer for 10 minutes. Garnish with cilantro and cheese.

Nutrition per serving

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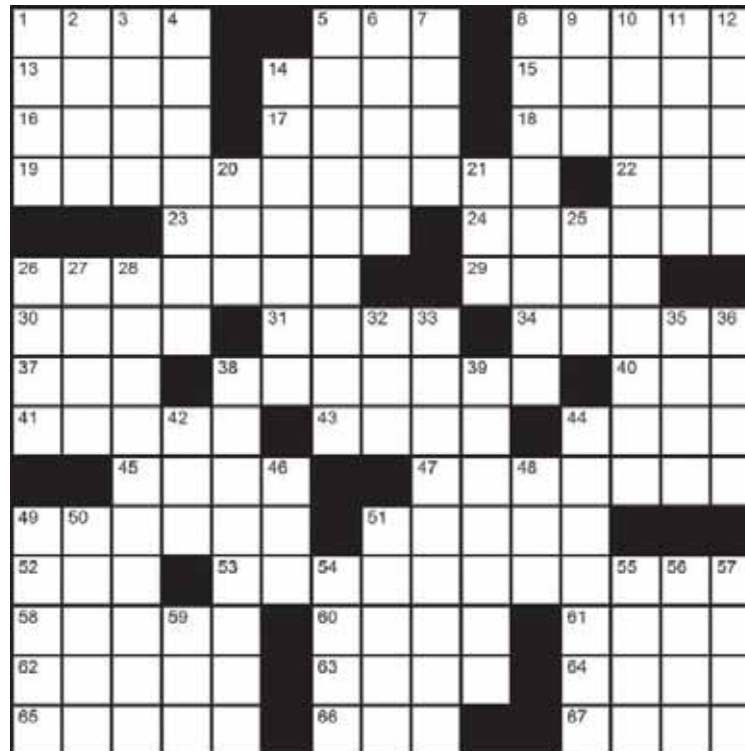
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ACROSS

1. Oliver of "Oliver!" (1968)
5. "Today" rival, commonly
8. Jazz improvisations
13. Old Rome's 156
14. Pool-playing props
15. Banish
16. Pack _ _ (Get ready to vacation)
17. Bubbly bar
18. Keepsake of yore
19. St. Ives product: 2 wds.
22. Tennis call
23. Smiler's pride
24. Those who have just had dental surgery might avoid eating them for a time
26. Winona Ryder's character in "Little Women" (1994): 2 wds.
29. Mr. Egoan
30. Oscar-winner Mr. Jannings
31. Frost
34. Spew
37. Down
38. Adorn with garlands
40. Tea: French
41. Slow garden dweller
43. Norse thunder god
44. Scottish slope
45. Miss White of fairytales
47. Church bell ringers
49. "Fantasy Island" character
51. Fibber _ and



- Molly (Old-time radio show)
- Lisa Loeb song: 2 wds.
- Canadian nutritionist known for her healthy recipes: 2 wds.
- Blue hue
60. Auth. unknown
61. Kingly address

62. Persist
63. Use the Xerox
64. Desire Under the _ (Eugene O'Neill play)
65. Bonfire remnants
66. Starring actress in "Titanic" (1997) ...her initials-sharers
67. Week parts

DOWN

1. Mil. fliers
2. British actor Idris
3. Leave a disaster area, for short
4. As per #26-Down... _ Correspondent
5. As per #26-Down... Regular _ _
6. Concert stuff fans would buy,
7. Ancient stringed instrument
8. Prohibited
9. Big Joe Mufferaw's tool
10. Metric length unit
11. Worked at, as a trade
12. Religious or-

- ders
14. Horse-drawn carriage in Old Montreal
20. _ Lingus
21. "Surfin' _ _ _" by The Beach Boys
25. Journal
26. Ms. Allen of CTV's "The Social" who is the show's #4-Down and #5-Down
27. Its capital is Muscat
28. Flair for fortune: 2 wds.
32. Sports fig.
33. Agriculture... Carrots and beets: 2 wds.
35. Dog breed, _-Pei
36. Casual tops
38. Workers laying down tile, perhaps
39. Mountain formation process
42. Chg. card percentage
44. Fortunate
46. Court
48. Floral souvenir
49. Headdress for Kate, Prince William's wife
50. Carpentery tools
51. Thompson Twins hit: "Hold _ _"
54. Potatoes holder
55. Ben Mulrooney's mom
56. Canadian _ (Military force)
57. Loch of legend
59. Blanche's portrayal on "The Golden Girls"

* IT'S ALL IN THE STARS by Sally Brompton

Aries March 21 - April 20
You may want to take some kind of gamble today but that might not be such a good idea. You are advised to remember that there are no easy routes to success: it takes hard work, stamina and common sense.

Taurus April 21 - May 21
What you see and hear today may shock you but don't get upset or angry. Other people's actions may not be to your liking but there is not much you can do about it.

Gemini May 22 - June 21
You may be tempted to start something over that is not going as well as expected but if you do it may never get done. Your best course of action is to plod on and hope for the best.

Cancer June 22 - July 23
You have to decide whether or not to continue with a creative project. Think about how much effort you have already put into it. All that will be wasted if you give up now.

Leo July 24 - Aug. 23
Someone feels you owe them and they are about to demand that you pay up in full. You must not let them pressure you into parting with cash. If you owe them a favour then you should pay back in kind.

Virgo Aug. 24 - Sept. 23
It is likely that something or someone will delay or even halt your progress. It may be frustrating but there is not much you can do about it. Stay calm and don't lose your temper.

Libra Sept. 24 - Oct. 23
You should be making plans that stretch well into the future — not weeks or months but decades. You need a vision, something to aim for, something to inspire you. The details can be sorted out later.

Scorpio Oct. 24 - Nov. 22
Important decisions have to be made today. With the Sun at odds with Saturn in your sign you must get tough, both with others and with yourself.

Sagittarius Nov. 23 - Dec. 21
Use your imagination and visualize what it is you most want to accomplish and what kind of person you most want to be. Don't let the critics and cynics hold you back. You can do anything!

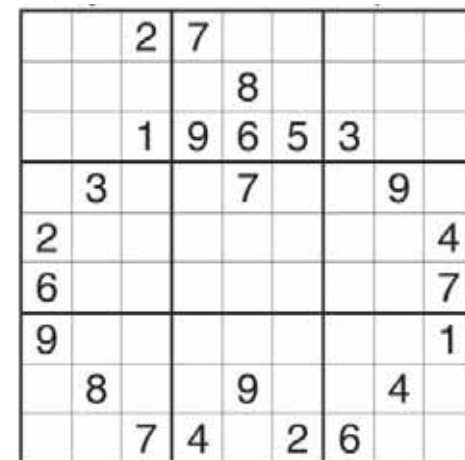
Capricorn Dec. 22 - Jan. 20
You have some pretty remarkable ideas buzzing around inside that big head of yours. Don't share them with people in positions of power. They may fear, rightly, that you are aiming to outshine them.

Aquarius Jan. 21 - Feb. 19
Say what you mean and mean what you say. Don't worry if certain people don't like it. There may be a backlash but you are big enough and tough enough to ride out the storm.

Pisces Feb. 20 - March 20
Don't go over the top and make enemies of people who should be friends. You may be speaking the truth, but if you hurt others' feelings they will hurt you right back.

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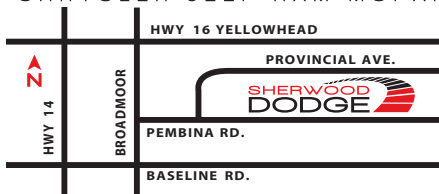
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